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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**REPLY AND AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116**

This Reply and Amendment is a timely response to a Final Rejection dated November 5, 2003 having a three-month shortened statutory period for response expiring February 5, 2004. Having duly petitioned for an extension of 3 months pursuant to §1.136, the instant Reply and Amendment is timely as submitted on or before to May 5, 2004. In Examiner's first Office Action dated June 12, 2003, all of Applicants' pending claims (1-48) were rejected. Applicants canceled claims 1, 3, 5 and 6 and amended claim 2. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-entitled application in light of the following amendments, remarks and Declaration of Mansoor A. Khan, R.Ph., Ph.D. Applicants note that a NOTICE OF APPEAL has been filed in concert with the instant Reply and Amendment.